

GRAUSTARK

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TURKS CONVERGE ON VENICE; ALLIES RUSH REINFORCEMENTS

ENGLAND: A Swe & F Norwegian Sea S TURKISH A St.P-Norway.

FRANCE: A Pie-Tus; A Mar-Pie; A Par-Bur; A Mun-Sil; A Ber S A Mun-Sil;
A Kie S A Ber; A Norway-St.P; F Den-Swe; F North Atlantic-
Norwegian Sea; F Rol-North Sea; F Eng-Mid; A Yor-Edi;
F Liv-Cly; F Wes-Tyr,

ITALY: A Tyr-Boh; A Rom-Nap.

TURKEY: A Sev-Mos; A Pru-Ber; A Vie-Tyr; A Tri S A Vie-Tyr;
F Nap-Tyr; F Ion-Adr; F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg; F Smy-Eas;
A Ank-Con; A Sil-Mun; A Boh S A Sil-Mun; A Gal-War; F Tun-Nor;
A Bud-Vie; A St.P-Norway.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian army in Tyrolia is dislodged, and forced to retreat to Venice. The deadline for Fall 1910 moves is SATURDAY 30 JANUARY 1965.

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CONSTANTINOPLE: For the first time in over a year, the Turkish government broke silence on the happenings of the war in western Europe. Official damnation was given to the French colonialist warmongers and their ultra socialist regime. Unless they immediately withdraw from the British Isles, France shall be crushed!

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The rules of postal Diplomacy, last printed in GRAUSTARK #17, will be revised and reprinted shortly in a forthcoming GRAUSTARK. Players are asked to send in suggested revisions and clarifications.

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A revised Directory of Diplomacy will also soon be published. Players of both the postal and across-the-board game are asked to send in their names and current addresses, and those of other interested persons, for inclusion in this directory.

With this issue of GRAUSTARK begins a new postal Diplomacy game, 1965A. The first moves of this game, and the players' press releases, begin on page 2 of this bulletin. As long as GRAUSTARK carries both 1964A (the above game) and 1965A, the place of honor on page 1 will be given to 1964A. Diplomacy players who wish to follow the progress of a game ab initio are urged to begin a subscription to GRAUSTARK now.

Back issues of both GRAUSTARK and FREDONIA (the bulletin of 1964B) are available from the Gamesmaster. GRAUSTARK is available from #15, and FREDONIA from #1, and cover these two games in their entirety. Also available are Diplomacy rule-books at \$1.00 each, and maps at 5¢ each. Write to John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218.

The only Gamesmaster currently accepting entrants in new games is Dan Brannan, Apt. #5, 106 S. Edgemont, Los Angeles, Calif. 90004.

RUSSIA INVADES AUSTRIA-HUNGARY; EUROPE MOBILIZES

ENGLAND: F Edi-Norwegian Sea; F Lon-North Sea; A Liv-Edi.

FRANCE: A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur; F Bre-Mid.

GERMANY: F Kie-Hol; A Ber-Sil; A Mun-Ruh.

ITALY: A Ven-Pie; A Rom-Ven; F Nap-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Bud-Ser; A Vie-Bud; F Tri-Alb.

RUSSIA: F Sev-Blk; A Mos-Ukr; A War-Gal; F St. P^o-Bot.

TURKEY: A Con-Bul; F Ank-Con; A Smy holds.

The deadline for Fall 1901 moves is SATURDAY 30 JANUARY 1965.

ST. PETERSBURG (April 7, 1901): The Russian Government laments that the conduct of Austria-Hungary and Turkey necessitates Russia's declaration of war against these two nations. The continued interference by Austria in Slavic affairs culminated by the unwarranted invasion of the peaceful sovereign state of Serbia leaves Russia no other honorable course of action. If the Austrians would reconsider the folly of their present activities, it is still not too late to prevent a clash of arms. But to demonstrate the strength of Russia's determination to protect the Slavic peoples, the First and Second Armies, commanded by Grand Duke Nicholas, have been ordered to the borders of Austria-Hungary.

Turkey branded herself as an "outlaw" nation when she commenced an unprovoked attack upon Bulgaria. Turkey's total disregard of all accepted civilized conduct between nations must not be permitted to go unchallenged. Unless Turkey can justify her actions, Russia will be forced to invade and punish Turkey.

BUCHAREST (April 9, 1901): At 9 o'clock this evening the Grand Duke Vladimir Alexandrovich left for St. Petersburg aboard the Royal Express. With the Grand Duke went the treaty just signed by King Charles of Rumania. There had been extreme doubt that Charles would agree to such an alliance, but the complete rout of the Bulgarian army by the Turkish forces commanded by Enver Pasha persuaded the Rumanian Court to seek outside aid. Though all of the provisions of the new treaty are still not known, it is thought that provision was made for Russian troop movements through Rumanian territory.

When I questioned L. Passet, Secretary to the Privy Council, he said, "If the Turks insist on continuing with their attacks on Bulgaria, I am afraid that Rumania must join with Russia in punishing Turkey."

LONDON (UPI): Admiral Horatio Hornblower has been appointed Chief of Staff and has taken personal command of the National Guard and the Home Fleet. Admiral Hornblower promised to repel any would-be aggressor. "Sacred English soil shall remain free."

The Queen has been upset since the English Embassy in Oslo was burned. Communications have been cut by the rioting mobs and the fate of English nationals is unknown. Admiral Hornblower has assured Queen Victoria that England will not sit idly by while English lives and property are endangered.

Meanwhile, Parliament has been debating the high Danish ham tariff, and it appears a meat shortage may cause rationing, with cries of foul heard throughout the land. The Admiralty has rejected a Danish claim that two English sailors were sent into Copenhagen to spy in preparation for an English invasion of Denmark. Admiral Hornblower warns that the execution of the alleged spies will bring swift action. The Admiralty requests the sailors be returned to England to stand trial for desertion. The Belgians have offered the use of their good offices to arrange the release of the two English sailors.

On the surface, Belgium is reported quiet. However, informed sources believe Belgium is not as serene as the English are led to believe. It is rumored that several English spies may join the hundreds of French and German spies already in Belgium. Prince Edward is thinking of visiting Belgium and an unconfirmed report suggests an English fleet may accompany him.

BERLIN: "The Kaiser was quoted today saying, 'Help! Help!' The Kaiser and his household have moved to Rio de Janeiro. In Germany's hour of need, I have returned to once more toy with fate. I shall lead Germany wherever it goes, in triumph or despair. So be it."
- J. C.

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GRAUSTARK #39 carried a report on the conservative board game "Victory Over Communism". Further mention of this propaganda appeared in Harriet Van Horne's column in the New York World-Telegram & Sun, 14 January 1965. Miss Van Horne writes:

"We desperately need a program of mass education to keep the bitter, irrational philosophy of the Birchers and all such zealots from filtering down to the young.

"That the filtering process is well under way may be deduced from a current Newsweek story about a new parlor game. All right-wing kiddies who are 'in' are playing 'Victory Over Communism'. Calling itself an educational game, this caper poses such questions as, 'True or false - the United States has won most of the hot wars it has fought.'

"In this game it's false of course. ('The U. S. has lost most of its hot wars because its military leaders have not been allowed to win them.') The player finding the answer first is allowed to move a marker across a board and 'free' a Communist country.

"The inventor of this game admits that he was inspired by that shrill and falsely documented tract None Dare Call It Treason. He has so far sold 100,000 sets at \$3.00 each."

Attempts by the Gamesmaster to obtain a review copy of "Victory Over Communism" have been unsuccessful.

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The next issue of GRAUSTARK will contain a discussion of whether military board games such as Diplomacy are harmful to children. In recent years there has been considerable justifiable concern in both the United States and the Soviet Union as to whether playing with war toys develops attitudes favorable to militarism in children. Readers are welcome to join the discussion on whether war games and toys are harmful and, if so, whether Diplomacy can be counted as having a detrimental effect.

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Postal Diplomacy game 1963B, which lapsed in November when Gamesmaster Dave McDaniel suspended publication of Ruritania, will be resumed shortly under the Gamesmastership of John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218. Write for information and a sample copy.